

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, and 16 are pending in the subject application.

Applicants have amended claims 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, and 16, and have canceled claims 3-7, 10-14, and 17-21. These changes do not introduce any new matter.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

In the Office Action, claims 1-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Moriyama et al.* (“*Moriyama*”) (U.S. Patent No. US 7,110,130 B2) (as noted above, Applicants have herein canceled claims 3-7, 10-14, and 17-21). As will be explained in more detail below, Applicants have amended claims 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, and 16 to distinguish the claimed subject matter from that shown in the *Moriyama* reference.

Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the features of original claims 2-5.

Applicants have rewritten claim 2 in independent format to include the features of original claims 1-4 and 6. Applicants have amended claim 8 to include the features of original claims 9-12. Applicants have rewritten claim 9 in independent format to include the features of original claims 8-11 and 13. Applicants have amended claim 15 to include the features of original claims 16-19. Applicants have rewritten claim 16 in independent format to include the features of original claims 15-18 and 20.

The *Moriyama* reference does not disclose each and every feature of the presently claimed subject matter. In particular, the claimed subject matter differs from the configuration shown in the *Moriyama* reference for at least three reasons. First, in the configuration of the claimed subject matter, a color conversion table, which should be provided for each of the printers, is owned by a host. In contrast, *Moriyama*’s configuration stores a color conversion table in a printer.

Second, the configuration of the claimed subject matter carries out color conversion on the printer side. In contrast, *Moriyama's* configuration carries out color conversion on the side of a host.

Third, as a result of the second difference, the configuration of the claimed subject matter transmits image data to be printed together with color conversion information from the host to the printer. In contrast, *Moriyama's* configuration transmits only converted printing data.

Thus, for at least the foregoing reasons, the *Moriyama* reference does not disclose each and every feature of claims 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, and 16, as amended herein.

Accordingly, claims 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, and 16, as amended herein, are patentable under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over *Moriyama*.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reexamination and reconsideration of claims 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, and 16, as amended herein, and submit that these claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a notice of allowance is respectfully requested. In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at **(408) 749-6902**. If any fees are due in connection with the filing of this paper, then the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. MIPFP038).

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